

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claims 2 – 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A stent, comprising:
a plurality of struts defining a tube-like structure, wherein at least a portion of the struts have spiral passages located therein that extend to a region outside the stent struts, wherein the passages are filled with a desired drug which is dispensed to a patient after implantation.

Claims 5 – 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (previously presented): The stent of claim 4 which is monolithically fabricated from a plurality of adhered layers of deposited material.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The stent of claim 14 wherein each layer is formed from at least one structural material and at least one sacrificial material and wherein after formation of the plurality of layers the sacrificial material is removed.

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (previously presented): A stent, comprising:

a plurality of struts defining a tube-like structure, wherein at least a portion of the struts have passages that run a length of the struts and that extend to a region outside the stent via apertures.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The stent of claim 17 which is monolithically fabricated from a plurality of adhered layers of deposited material.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The stent of claim 18 wherein each layer is formed from at least one structural material and at least one sacrificial material and wherein after formation of the plurality of layers the sacrificial material is removed.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The stent of claim 17 wherein the passages are filled with a desired drug which is dispensed to a patient after implantation.